

**Do Not Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1624
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly Special Session of ND**

Dear Madam Chair Lee and members of the Joint Policy Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1624 is unneeded legislation.

There is no limitation in the bill for a per plate expenditure for the State. A school district could simply serve steak and eggs for breakfast and lobster for lunch and the bill as written would require the state to reimburse.

As this bill is written, the school district could decide to upgrade the free and reduced meals to premium meals, but necessarily more nutritious, and the state taxpayer would be on the hook for this extra upgrade in cost that does not necessarily correlate to quality.

This is clearly a “cradle to grave” continuing approach of grooming society to be dependent. For this “cradle to grave” approach, there are no cost controls.

There is no credible data indicating this additional expenditure is needed. The children in poverty and above poverty are provided meals right now.

This bill would feed children from families in the upper income brackets. Is this responsible for our state? No.

This bill defies the stated platform of the NDGOP. It compromises Individual Liberty, Personal Responsibility, Limited Government, and Lower Taxes. This bill also defies how many republican and democrat families currently live their lives in self-sufficiency.

Please give HB 1624 a Do Not Pass.

Thank you,

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